

Marked Up Amendments to the Claims:

I Claim:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for determining if proposed modifications to existing ~~planned activities~~ work are supportive of and consistent with an entity's strategic objective, comprising the steps of:
 - a. defining the strategic objectives;
 - b. prioritizing ~~the~~ said strategic objectives;
 - c. selecting one of said strategic objectives to be the primary strategic objective;
 - d. selecting and saving a ~~desired target value~~ strategic objective goal chosen by said entity for ~~the~~ said primary strategic objective;
 - e. listing identifying the possible measures for ~~the~~ said primary strategic objective;
 - f. selecting one of said possible measures for said primary strategic objective as the primary strategic objective measure;
 - g. ~~determining the formula for calculating the said primary strategic objective measure if the said primary strategic objective measure does not already exist and saving the said formula for calculating the said primary strategic objective measure;~~
 - h. ~~temporarily modifying the~~ an original databases to assume that the work ~~or activity~~ yet to be completed has been completed over a planning period and saving ~~the~~ said modified databases as a new database;

- hi. calculate ~~the a~~ first expected strategic objective results, hereinafter first expected results, using ~~the~~ said ~~modified~~ new databases as measured by ~~the~~ said primary strategic objective measure over ~~the~~ said planning period and saving ~~the~~ said first expected results;
- ij. create an interactive database version of ~~the~~ said original ~~unmodified~~ databases wherein users are allowed to modify ~~the~~ said interactive databases;
- jk. use ~~the~~ said modified interactive databases to calculate ~~the a~~ second expected strategic objective results, hereinafter second expected results, caused by ~~the~~ said interactive database modifications as measured by ~~the~~ said primary strategic objective measure for ~~the~~ said planning period and ~~temporarily saveing~~ the said second expected results;
- kl. compare ~~the~~ said first expected results with said second expected results to determine if ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive database caused an improvement, a deterioration or was impact neutral to ~~the~~ said strategic objective goal target value and ~~temporarily saveing~~ the said comparison of said first and second expected results result;
- lm. save ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive databases into ~~the~~ said original databases if ~~the~~ said second expected results or ~~the~~ said comparison result of the said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results was an improvement to achieving ~~the~~ said strategic objective goal target value;

- m. do not save ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive databases into ~~the~~ said original databases if ~~the~~ said second expected results or ~~he~~ said comparison result of ~~the~~ said comparison ~~between the~~ of said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results was a detriment to achieving ~~the~~ said strategic objective goal target value;
- n. save or not save, the choice of saving or not saving to be determined by ~~the~~ said entity, ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive databases into ~~the~~ said original databases if ~~the~~ said second expected results or ~~the~~ said comparison results of ~~the~~ said comparison ~~between the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected ~~results~~ was impact neutral to achieving ~~the~~ said strategic objective goal target value; and
- o. periodically save ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive database into ~~the~~ said modified new database and into ~~the~~ said interactive database if ~~the~~ said modifications were stored in ~~the~~ said original databases and repeating steps h, i, j, k, l, m, n and o above.

2. (Currently Amended) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein said method comprises said entity:

- a. identifying the tradeoffs to ~~the~~ said primary strategic objective;
- b. prioritizing ~~the~~ said tradeoffs;
- c. selecting the primary tradeoff from said prioritized tradeoffs;
- d. identifying the possible primary tradeoff measures;

- e. selecting a primary tradeoff measure from said possible primary tradeoff measures ~~and saving the formula for calculating the said primary tradeoff measure~~;
- f. selecting ~~the~~ an allowable tradeoff threshold limit for ~~the~~ said primary tradeoff measure and saving said allowable tradeoff threshold limit;
- g. calculate the first expected tradeoff results as measured by ~~the~~ said primary tradeoff measure using ~~the~~ said modified new databases and save ~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff result;
- h. calculate the second expected tradeoff results as measured by ~~the~~ said primary tradeoff measure using ~~the~~ said modified interactive databases and save ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result;
- i. compare ~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff result with ~~the~~ said second tradeoff result to determine if the modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive databases caused an improvement, a deterioration or was impact neutral to ~~the~~ said first tradeoff result and store ~~the~~ said the result of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff result and ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result;
- j. save ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive databases into ~~the~~ said original databases if ~~the~~ said second expected result or ~~the results of~~ ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results was an improvement to achieving ~~the~~ said strategic objective goal target value and if ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result or ~~the result of~~ ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff result and ~~the~~ said second expected

- tradeoff result did not violate ~~the~~ said allowable tradeoff threshold limit;
- k. do not save ~~the~~ said modification to ~~the~~ said interactive databases into ~~the~~ said original databases if ~~the~~ said second expected results or ~~the result of the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results was a detriment to achieving ~~the~~ said strategic objective goal target value or if ~~the~~ said second tradeoff result or ~~the result of the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff result and ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result violated ~~the~~ said allowable tradeoff threshold limit; and
- l. save or not save, the choice of saving or not saving to be determined by ~~the~~ said entity, ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive databases into ~~the~~ said original databases if ~~the~~ said second expected results or ~~the result of the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results was impact neutral to achieving ~~the~~ said strategic objective goal target value and if ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff results or ~~the result of the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff result and ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result was impact neutral to ~~the~~ said allowable tradeoff threshold limit.
3. (Currently Amended) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ said method comprises said entity:
- a. setting an allowable range for ~~the~~ said strategic objectives goal target value and saving ~~the~~ said allowable strategic objective range;

- b. saving ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive databases into ~~the~~ said original databases if ~~the~~ said second expected result or ~~the~~ result of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results was an improvement to achieving ~~the~~ said allowable strategic objective range;
- c. not saving ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive databases into ~~the~~ said original databases if ~~the~~ said second expected results or ~~the~~ result of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results was a detriment to achieving ~~the~~ said allowable strategic objective range; and
- d. saving or not saving, the choice of saving or not saving to be determined by ~~the~~ said entity, ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive databases into ~~the~~ said original databases if ~~the~~ said second expected results or ~~the~~ result of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results was impact neutral to achieving ~~the~~ said allowable strategic objective range.

4. (Currently Amended) A method as recited in claim 2 , wherein ~~the~~ said method comprises said entity:

- a. setting an allowable range for ~~the~~ said allowable tradeoff threshold limit and saving ~~the~~ said allowable tradeoff threshold range;
- b. saving ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive databases into ~~the~~ said original databases if ~~the~~ said second expected result or ~~the~~ result of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results was an improvement to achieving

the said strategic objective goal target value and if the said second expected tradeoff result or the result of the said comparison between the said first expected tradeoff result and the said second expected tradeoff result did not violate the said allowable tradeoff threshold range;

c. not saving the said modifications to the said interactive databases into the said original databases if the said second expected results or the result of the said comparison between the said first expected results and the said second expected results was a detriment to achieving the said strategic objective goal target value or if the said second expected tradeoff result or the result of the said comparison between the said first expected tradeoff result and the said second expected tradeoff result violated the said allowable tradeoff threshold range; and

d. saving or not saving, the choice of saving or not saving to be determined by the said entity, the said modifications to the said interactive databases into the said original databases if the said second expected results or the result of the said comparison between the said first expected results and the said second expected results was impact neutral to achieving the said strategic objective goal target value and if the said second expected tradeoff results or the result of the said comparison between the said first expected tradeoff result and the said second expected tradeoff result was impact neutral to the said allowable tradeoff threshold range.

5. (Currently Amended) A method as recited in claim 2, wherein ~~the~~ said method comprises said entity:

- a. setting an allowable range for ~~the~~ said strategic objective goal target value and saving ~~the~~ said allowable strategic objective range;
- b. setting an allowable range for ~~the~~ said tradeoff threshold limit and storing ~~the~~ said allowable tradeoff threshold range;
- c. saving ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive databases in ~~the~~ said original databases if ~~the~~ said second expected results or ~~the result of the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected result was an improvement to achieving ~~the~~ said allowable strategic objective range and if ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result or ~~the result of the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff result and ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result did not violate ~~the~~ said allowable tradeoff threshold range;
- d. not saving ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive databases into ~~the~~ said original databases if ~~the~~ said second expected results or ~~the result of the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected result was a detriment to achieving ~~the~~ said allowable strategic objective range or ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result or ~~the result of the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff result and ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result violated ~~the~~ said allowable tradeoff threshold range; and

- e. saving or not saving, the choice of saving or not saving to be determined by ~~the~~ said entity, ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive databases into ~~the~~ said original databases if ~~the~~ said second expected results or ~~the result of the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results was impact neutral to achieving ~~the~~ said allowable strategic objective range and if ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result or ~~the result of the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff result and ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result were impact neutral to ~~the~~ said allowable tradeoff threshold range.
- 6. (Currently Amended) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein said method comprises said entity:
 - a. establishing and saving the different users and/or user levels for ~~the~~ said entity and the different authority levels associated to each said user and/or said user level, said authority levels having associated with them an amount or magnitude of allowable strategic objective impact—a—said user or said user level is authorized to implement;
 - b. saving ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive databases into ~~the~~ said original databases if ~~the~~ said second expected result or ~~the result of the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results was an improvement to achieving ~~the~~ said strategic objective goal target value and if the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said second expected results or the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected

results and the said second expected results are within the said authority level of the said user or said user level as defined by the said allowable strategic objective impact;

c. not saving the said modifications to the said interactive databases into the said original databases if the said second expected results or the result of the said comparison between the said first expected results and the said second expected results was a detriment to achieving the said strategic objective goal target value or if the amount or magnitude of the said second expected results or the amount or magnitude of the said comparison between the said first expected results and the said second expected results are not within the said authority level of the said user or said user level as defined by the said allowable strategic objective impact; and

d. saving or not saving, the choice of saving or not saving to be determined by the said entity, the said modifications to the said interactive databases into the said original databases if the said second expected results or the result of the said comparison between the said first expected results and the said second expected results was impact neutral to achieving the said strategic objective goal target value and if the amount or magnitude of the said second expected results or the amount or magnitude of the said comparison between the said first expected results and the said second expected results are impact neutral based upon the said allowable strategic objective impact associated with the said authority level of the said user or said user level.

7. (Currently Amended) A method as recited in claim 2, wherein said method comprises said entity:

- a. establishing and saving the different users and/or user levels for ~~the~~ said entity and the different authority levels associated to each said user and/or said user level, said authority levels having associated with them an amount or magnitude of allowable strategic objective impact—a said user or said user level is authorized to implement and an amount or magnitude of allowable tradeoff impact—a said user or said user level is authorized to implement;
- b. saving ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive databases into ~~the~~ said original databases if ~~the~~ said second expected results or ~~the~~ result of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results was an improvement to achieving ~~the~~ said strategic objective goal target value and if ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result or ~~the~~ result of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff result and ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result did not violate ~~the~~ said allowable tradeoff threshold limit and if the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said second expected results or the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results are within ~~the~~ said authority level of ~~the~~ said user or said user level as defined by ~~the~~ said allowable strategic objective impact and if the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said second tradeoff result or the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first tradeoff

result and the said second tradeoff result was within the said authority level of the said user or said user level as defined by the said allowable tradeoff impact;

c. not saving the said modifications to the said interactive databases into the said original databases if the said second expected results or the result of the said comparison between the said first expected results and the said second expected results was a deterioration to achieving the said strategic objective goal target value or if the said second expected tradeoff result or the result of the said comparison between the said first expected tradeoff result and the said second expected tradeoff result violated the said allowable tradeoff threshold limit or if the amount or magnitude of the said second expected results or the amount or magnitude of the said comparison between the said first expected results and the said second expected results are not within the said authority level of the said user or said user level as defined by the said allowable strategic objective impact or if the amount or magnitude of the said second tradeoff result or the amount or magnitude of the said comparison between the said first tradeoff result and the said second tradeoff result was not within the said authority level of the said user or said user level as defined by the said allowable tradeoff impact; and

d. saving or not saving, the choice saving or not saving to be determined by the said entity, the said modifications to the said interactive databases into the said original databases if the said second expected results or the results of the said comparison between the said

first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results was impact neutral to achieving ~~the~~ said strategic objective goal target value and if ~~the~~ said second tradeoff result or ~~the result of the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff result and ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result was impact neutral to ~~the~~ said allowable tradeoff threshold limit and if the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said second expected results or the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results are impact neutral based upon ~~the~~ said allowable strategic objective impact associated with ~~the~~ said authority level of ~~the~~ said user or said user level and if the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said second tradeoff result or the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first tradeoff result and ~~the~~ said second tradeoff result is impact neutral based upon ~~the~~ said allowable tradeoff impact associated with ~~the~~ said authority level of ~~the~~ said user or said user level.

8. (Currently Amended) A method as recited in claim 3, wherein said method comprises said entity:

- a. establishing and saving the different users and/or user levels for ~~the~~ said entity and the different authority levels associated to each said user and/or said user level, said authority levels having associated with them an amount or magnitude of allowable strategic objective impact-a said user or said user level is authorized to implements;

- b. saving ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive databases into ~~the~~ said original databases if ~~the~~ said second expected results or ~~the~~ results of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results falls within ~~the~~ said allowable strategic objective range and if the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said second expected results or the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results are within ~~the~~ said authority level of ~~the~~ said user or said user level as defined by ~~the~~ said allowable strategic objective impact;
- c. not saving ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive databases into ~~the~~ said original databases if ~~the~~ said second expected results or ~~the~~ results of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results falls outside of ~~the~~ said allowable strategic objective range or if the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said second expected results or the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results are not within ~~the~~ said authority level of ~~the~~ said user or said user level as defined by ~~the~~ said allowable strategic objective impact; and
- d. saving or not saving, the choice of saving or not saving to be determined by ~~the~~ said entity, ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive databases into ~~the~~ said original databases if ~~the~~ said second expected results or ~~the~~ results of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results are impact

neutral to ~~the~~ said allowable strategic objective range and if the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said second expected results or the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results are impact neutral based upon ~~the~~ said allowable strategic objective impact associated with ~~the~~ said authority level of ~~the~~ said user or said user level.

9. (Currently Amended) A method as recited in claim 4 , wherein said method comprises said entity includes the steps of:

- a. establishing and saving the different users and/or user levels for ~~the~~ said entity and the different authority levels associated to each said user and/or said user level, said authority levels having associated with them an amount or magnitude of allowable strategic objective impact-a said user or said user level is authorized to implement and an amount or magnitude of allowable tradeoff impact-a said user or said user level is authorized to implement;
- b. saving ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive databases into ~~the~~ said original databases if ~~the~~ said second expected results or ~~the~~ results of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results was an improvement to achieving ~~the~~ said strategic objective goal target value and if ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result or ~~the result of the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff result and ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result did not violate ~~the~~ said allowable tradeoff range and if the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said second expected results or the

amount or magnitude of the said comparison between the said first expected results and the said second expected results was within said authority level of the said user or said user level as defined by the said allowable strategic objective impact and if the amount or magnitude of the said second expected tradeoff result or the amount or magnitude of the said comparison between the said first expected tradeoff result and the said second expected tradeoff result was within the said authority level of the said user or said user level as defined by the said allowable tradeoff impact;

c. not saving the said modifications to the said interactive databases into the said original databases if the said second expected results or if the results of the said comparison between the said first expected results and the said second expected results was a detriment to achieving the said strategic objective goal target value or if the said second expected tradeoff result or the result of the said comparison between the said first expected tradeoff result and the said second expected tradeoff result violated the said allowable tradeoff range or if the amount or magnitude of the said second expected results or the amount or magnitude of the said comparison between the said first expected results and the said second expected results was not within the said authority level of the said user or said user level as defined by the said allowable strategic objective impact or if the amount or magnitude of the said second expected tradeoff result or the amount or magnitude of the said comparison between the said first expected tradeoff result and the said second expected tradeoff result was not

within ~~the~~ said authority level of ~~the~~ said user or said user level as defined by ~~the~~ said allowable tradeoff impact; and

d. saving or not saving, the choice of saving or not saving to be determined by ~~the~~ said entity, ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive databases into ~~the~~ said original databases if ~~the~~ said second expected results or ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results was impact neutral to ~~the~~ said strategic objective goal target value and if ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result or ~~the result of~~ the said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff result and ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result is impact neutral to ~~the~~ said allowable tradeoff range and if the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said second expected results or the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results are impact neutral based upon ~~the~~ said allowable strategic objective impact associated with ~~the~~ said authority level of ~~the~~ said user or said user level and if the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result or the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff result and ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result is impact neutral based upon ~~the~~ said allowable tradeoff impact associated with ~~the~~ said authority level of ~~the~~ said user or said user level.

10. (Currently Amended) A method as recited in claim 5, wherein said method comprises said entity includes the steps of:

- a. establishing and saving the different users and/or user levels for the said entity and the different authority levels associated to each said user and/or said user level, said authority levels having associated with them an amount or magnitude of allowable strategic objective impact-a said user or said user level is authorized to implement and an amount or magnitude of allowable tradeoff impact-a said user or said user level is authorized to implement;
- b. saving the said modifications to the said interactive databases into the said original databases if the said second expected results or the results of the said comparison between the said first expected results and the said second expected results falls within the said allowable strategic objective range and if the said second expected tradeoff result or the result of the said comparison between the said first expected tradeoff result and the said second expected tradeoff result did not violate the said allowable tradeoff range and if the amount or magnitude of the said second expected results or the amount or magnitude of the said comparison between the said first expected results and the said second expected results are within the said authority level of the said user or said user level as defined by the said allowable strategic objective impact and if the amount or magnitude of the said second expected tradeoff result or the amount or magnitude of the said comparison between the said first expected tradeoff result and the said second expected tradeoff result was within the said authority level of the said user or said user level as defined by the said allowable tradeoff impact;

- c. not saving ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive databases into ~~the~~ said original databases if ~~the~~ said second expected results or ~~the results of the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results falls outside of ~~the~~ said allowable strategic objective range or if ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result or ~~the result of the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff result and ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result violated ~~the~~ said allowable tradeoff range or if the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said second expected results or the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results are not within ~~the~~ said authority level of ~~the~~ said user or said user level as defined by ~~the~~ said allowable strategic objective impact or if the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result or the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff result and ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result was not within ~~the~~ said authority level of ~~the~~ said user or said user level as defined by ~~the~~ said allowable tradeoff impact; and
- d. saving or not saving, the choice of saving or not saving to be determined by ~~the~~ said entity, ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive databases into ~~the~~ said original databases if ~~the~~ said second expected results or ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results was impact neutral to ~~the~~ said allowable strategic objective range and if ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result or ~~the result of the~~ said comparison

between the said first expected tradeoff result and the said second expected tradeoff result was impact neutral to the said allowable tradeoff range and if the amount or magnitude of the said second expected results or the amount or magnitude of the said comparison between the said first expected results and the said second expected results are impact neutral based upon the said allowable strategic objective impact associated with the said authority level of the said user or said user level and if the amount or magnitude of the said second expected tradeoff result or the amount or magnitude of the said comparison between the said first expected tradeoff result and the said second expected tradeoff result are impact neutral based upon the said allowable tradeoff impact associated with the said authority level of the said user or said user level.

11. (Currently Amended) A method as in any one of the preceding claims, in which the said modifications to the said original databases are tracked by each said user, and said improvements and detriments to said strategic objective target values and/or said tradeoff limits are used to tangibly evaluate said user's performance and/or used to compensate and/or reward the said user for supporting the said strategic objective of the company.

12. (Currently Amended) A apparatus for determining if proposed modifications to existing work planned activities are supportive of and consistent with an entity's primary strategic objective, wherein said apparatus includes:

- a. user interface devices and modules operatively coupled to said apparatus;
- b. a memory that stores databases and computer-readable code;
- c. said databases including ~~the an~~ original databases, ~~modified original~~
~~new~~ databases, interactive version of ~~the~~ said original databases and modified interactive databases;
- d. a processor operatively coupled to said memory, said processor configured to implement said computer-readable code, said code configured to:
 - i. receive, load and store a desired strategic objective goal target value, chosen by said entity, for said entity's a-primary strategic objective into ~~the~~ said memory or storage medium of ~~the~~ said apparatus, said apparatus ~~having~~ containing or having access to ~~the~~ said entity's said databases and Management Information System (hereinafter MIS);
 - ii. receive, load and store ~~the calculation for a~~ said entity's primary strategic objective measure for said primary strategic objective in ~~the~~ said memory or storage medium of ~~the~~ said apparatus;
 - iii. modify the ~~said existing work planned activities stored in said original database and~~ not yet completed to be ~~temporarily~~ assumed to be completed over a planning period and ~~temporarily storing~~ the said modified existing work activity that is assumed completed in ~~the said a new modified original~~

- databases in the said memory or storage medium of the said apparatus;
- iv. execute the said MIS, or a duplicate version of the said MIS, over the said planning period using the said new modified original databases and said primary strategic objective measure to calculate the a first expected strategic objective results,hereinafter first expected result, as measured by the said primary strategic objective measure calculation and store the said first expected results in the said memory or storage medium of the said apparatus;
- v. allow said users to interact with the said interactive database version of the said original databases in order to modify the said interactive databases and store the said modified interactive databases ~~temporarily~~ in the said memory or storage medium of the said apparatus;
- vi. execute the said MIS, or a duplicate version of the said MIS over the said planning period using the said modified interactive databases and said primary strategic objective measure to calculate the a second expected strategic objective results, hereinafter second expected results, as measured by the said primary strategic objective measure calculation and store the said second expected results in said memory or storage medium of the said apparatus;
- vii. compare the said first expected results with the said second expected results to determine if the said modifications to the

said modified interactive database when compared to ~~the~~ said ~~modified original~~ new databases resulted in improvements, deterioration or was impact neutral to ~~the~~ said strategic objective goal target value and store and/or output of ~~the~~ said comparison to ~~the~~ said memory, said storage medium and/or output devices of ~~the~~ said apparatus;

viii. over-write ~~the~~ said original databases by loading and storing ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive databases into ~~the~~ said original databases and/or ~~the~~ said MIS in ~~the~~ said memory or storage medium of ~~the~~ said apparatus if ~~the~~ said second expected results or ~~the results of~~ the said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results indicated improvements over ~~the~~ said first expected results to ~~the~~ said strategic objective goal target value;

ix. prevent ~~the~~ said original databases in ~~the~~ said memory or storage medium of ~~the~~ said apparatus from being over-written with ~~the~~ said modifications in ~~the~~ said modified interactive databases if ~~the~~ said second expected results or ~~the results of~~ the said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results indicated a deterioration from ~~the~~ said first expected results to ~~the~~ said strategic objective goal target value; and

x. either over-write or not over-write ~~the~~ said original databases in ~~the~~ said memory or storage medium of ~~the~~ said apparatus, the choice of over-writing or not over-writing to be

determined by ~~the~~ said entity, with ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said modified interactive databases if ~~the~~ said second expected results or ~~the results of the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results are impact neutral to ~~the~~ said first expected results and to ~~the~~ said strategic objective goal target value.

13. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as recited in claim 12, wherein ~~the~~ said computer- readable code is configured to:

- a. receive, load and store in ~~the~~ said memory or storage medium of ~~the~~ said apparatus a said entity's primary tradeoff measure chosen by said entity calculation;
- b. receive, load and store in said memory or storage medium of ~~the~~ said apparatus an allowable tradeoff threshold limit chosen by said entity;
- c. execute ~~the~~ said MIS, or a duplicate version of ~~the~~ said MIS, to calculate the first expected tradeoff result; by using the said new modified original databases for ~~the~~ said planning period, ~~as measured by the and~~ said primary tradeoff measure ~~calculation~~, and load and store in ~~the~~ said memory or storage medium of ~~the~~ said apparatus ~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff result;
- d. execute ~~the~~ said MIS, or a duplicate version of ~~the~~ said MIS, to calculate the second expected tradeoff result, using ~~the~~ said modified interactive databases for ~~the~~ said planning period, ~~as measured by the and~~ said primary tradeoff measure ~~calculation~~, and load and store in

the said memory or storage medium of the said apparatus the said second expected tradeoff result;

e. compare the said first expected tradeoff result with the said second expected tradeoff result to determine the tradeoff impact the said modifications to the said interactive databases had on the said first expected tradeoff result and load and store the said tradeoff impact into the said memory or storage medium of the said apparatus;

f. over-write the said original databases in the said memory or storage medium of the said apparatus with the said modifications to the said interactive databases if the said second expected results or the results of the said comparison between the said first expected results and the said second expected results indicated improvements over the said first expected results to achieving the strategic objective goal target value and if the said tradeoff impact or the said second expected tradeoff result does not violate the said allowable tradeoff threshold limit;

g. prevent the said modifications to the said interactive databases from over-writing the said original databases in the said memory or storage medium of the said apparatus if the said second expected results or the results of the said comparison between the said first expected results and the said second expected results indicated deterioration from the said first expected results to the said strategic objective goal target value or if the said tradeoff impact or the said second expected tradeoff result violates the said allowable tradeoff threshold limit; and

h. over-write or not over-write ~~the~~ said original databases in ~~the~~ said memory or storage medium of ~~the~~ said apparatus, the choice of over-writing or not over-writing to be determined by ~~the~~ said entity, with ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said modified interactive databases if ~~the~~ said second expected results or ~~the results of the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results are impact neutral to ~~the~~ said first expected results and to ~~the~~ said strategic objective goal target value and if ~~the~~ said tradeoff impact or ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result is impact neutral to ~~the~~ said allowable tradeoff threshold limit.

14. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as recited in claim 12, wherein ~~the~~ said computer-readable code is configured to:

- a. receive, load and store preset allowable ranges, as determined by said entity, for ~~the~~ said strategic objectives goal target value in ~~the~~ said memory or storage medium of ~~the~~ said apparatus that contains or has access to ~~the~~ said databases and said MIS;
- b. over-write ~~the~~ said original databases in ~~the~~ said memory or storage medium of ~~the~~ said apparatus with ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive databases if ~~the~~ said second expected result or ~~the results of the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results falls within ~~the~~ said allowable strategic objective range as determined by said entity;
- c. prevent ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive databases from over-writing ~~the~~ said original databases in ~~the~~ said memory or

storage medium of the said apparatus if the said second expected results or the results of the said comparison between the said first expected results and the said second expected results falls outside of the said strategic objective measure allowable range; and

d. over-write or not over-write the said original databases in the said memory or storage medium of the said apparatus, the choice of over-writing or not over-writing to be determined by the said entity, with the said modifications to the said interactive databases if the said second expected results or the results of the said comparison between the said first expected results and the said second expected results was impact neutral to the said strategic objective allowable range.

15. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as recited in claim 13, wherein the said computer-readable code is configured to:

- a. receive, load and store preset ranges, as determined by said entity, for the said allowable tradeoff threshold limit in the said memory or storage medium of the said apparatus;
- b. over-write the said original databases in the said memory or storage medium of the said apparatus with the said modifications to the said interactive databases if the said second expected results or the results of the said comparison between the said first expected results and the said second expected results indicated improvements over the said first expected results and to the said strategic objective target value and if the said second expected tradeoff result or the result of the said comparison between the said first expected tradeoff result and

the said second expected tradeoff result did not violate the said allowable tradeoff threshold range;

c. prevent the said modifications to the said interactive databases from over-writing the said original databases in the said memory or storage medium of the said apparatus if the said second expected results or ~~the results of the~~ comparison between the said first expected results and the said second expected results indicated deterioration to the said first expected results and to the said strategic objective goal target value or if the said second expected tradeoff results or ~~the result of the~~ comparison between the said first expected tradeoff result and the said second expected tradeoff result violates the said allowable tradeoff threshold range; and

d. over-write or not over-write the said original databases in the said memory or storage medium of the said apparatus, the choice of over-writing or not over-writing to be determined by the said entity, with the said modifications to the said interactive databases if the said second expected results or ~~the results of the~~ comparison between the said first expected results and the said second expected results are impact neutral to the said first expected results and to the said strategic objective goal target value and if the said second tradeoff results or ~~the result of the~~ comparison between the said first expected tradeoff result and the said second expected tradeoff result were impact neutral to the said allowable tradeoff threshold range.

16. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as recited in claim 13, wherein said computer-readable code is configured to:

- a. receive, load and store preset ranges, as determined by said entity, for ~~the~~ said allowable tradeoff threshold limit in ~~the~~ said memory or storage medium of ~~the~~ said apparatus that contains or has access to said ~~the~~ entity's said databases and said MIS;
- b. receive, load and store preset ranges, as determined by said entity, for ~~the~~ said strategic objective goal ~~target value~~ in ~~the~~ said memory or storage medium of ~~the~~ said apparatus;
- c. over-write ~~the~~ said original databases in ~~the~~ said memory or storage medium of ~~the~~ said apparatus with ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive databases if ~~the~~ said second expected result or ~~the~~ results of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results falls within ~~the~~ said allowable strategic objective range and if ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result or ~~the result of~~ ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff result and ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result did not violate ~~the~~ said tradeoff threshold measure range;
- d. preventing ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive databases from over-writing ~~the~~ said original databases in ~~the~~ said memory or storage medium of ~~the~~ said apparatus if ~~the~~ said second expected results or ~~the result of~~ ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results falls outside of ~~the~~ said allowable strategic objective range or if ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result or ~~the result of~~ ~~the~~ said comparison between

the said first expected tradeoff result and the said second expected tradeoff result violated the said tradeoff threshold measure range; and e. over-write or not over-write the said original databases in the said memory or storage medium of the said apparatus, the choice of over-writing or not over-writing to be determined by the said entity, with the said modifications to the said interactive databases if the said second expected results or the result of the said comparison between the said first expected results and the said second expected results was impact neutral to the said allowable strategic objective range and if the said second expected tradeoff results or the result of the said comparison between the said first expected tradeoff result and the said second expected tradeoff result were impact neutral to the said allowable tradeoff threshold range.

17. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as recited in claim 12, wherein the said code is configured to:

- a. receive, load and store differing users and/or user levels for the said entity and the different authority levels associated to each said user and/or said user level, said authority levels having associated with them an amount or magnitude of allowable strategic objective impact that a said user or said user level is authorized to implement;
- b. store the said modifications to the said interactive databases into the said original databases if the said second expected result or the result of the said comparison between the said first expected results and the said second expected results was an improvement to achieving

the said strategic objective goal target value and if the amount or magnitude of the said second expected results or the amount or magnitude of the said comparison between the said first expected results and the said second expected results are within the said authority level of the said user or said user level as defined by the said allowable strategic objective impact;

c. not storing the said modifications to the said interactive databases into the said original databases if the said second expected results or the result of the said comparison between the said first expected results and the said second expected results was a detriment to achieving the said strategic objective goal target value or if the amount or magnitude of the said second expected results or the amount or magnitude of the said comparison between the said first expected results and the said second expected results are not within the said authority level of the said user or said user level as defined by the said allowable strategic objective impact; and

d. storing or not storing, the choice of storing or not storing to be determined by the said entity, the said modifications to the said interactive databases into the said original databases if the said second expected results or the result of the said comparison between the said first expected results and the said second expected results was impact neutral to achieving the said strategic objective goal target value and if the amount or magnitude of the said second expected results or the amount or magnitude of the said comparison between the said first expected results and the said second expected results are impact

neutral based upon ~~the~~ said allowable strategic objective impact associated with ~~the~~ said authority level of ~~the~~ said user or said user level.

18. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as recited in claim 13, wherein said computer-readable code is configured to:

- a. load and store differing authority levels associated with an amount or magnitude of allowable impact to ~~the~~ said strategic objective measure, as measured by ~~the~~ said primary strategic objective measure, that different said users, or users levels, are authorized to direct ~~the~~ said computer-readable code to over-write ~~the~~ said original databases with ~~the~~ said modified interactive databases based upon ~~the~~ said authority level of ~~the~~ said user, or said user level, and based upon ~~the~~ said allowable impact associated with ~~the~~ said authority level as compared to either ~~the~~ said second expected results or ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results and with an amount or magnitude of allowable impact to ~~the~~ said tradeoff measure, as measured by ~~the~~ said primary tradeoff measure, that different said users or said user levels, are authorized to direct said computer-readable code to over-write ~~the~~ said original databases with ~~the~~ said modified interactive databases based upon ~~the~~ said authority level of ~~the~~ said user, or said user level, and based upon ~~the~~ said amount of allowable impact associated with ~~the~~ said authority level as compared to either the second expected

tradeoff result or ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff results and ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff results;

b. storing ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive databases into ~~the~~ said original databases if ~~the~~ said second expected results or ~~the~~ result of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results was an improvement to achieving ~~the~~ said strategic objective goal target value and if ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result or ~~the~~ result of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff result and ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result did not violate ~~the~~ said allowable tradeoff threshold limit and if the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said second expected results or the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results are within ~~the~~ said authority level of ~~the~~ said user or said user level as defined by ~~the~~ said allowable strategic objective impact and if the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said second tradeoff result or the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first tradeoff result and ~~the~~ said second tradeoff result was within ~~the~~ said authority level of ~~the~~ said user or said user level as defined by ~~the~~ said allowable tradeoff impact;

c. not storing ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive databases into ~~the~~ said original databases if ~~the~~ said second expected results or ~~the~~ result of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results was a deterioration to achieving ~~the~~ said strategic objective goal target value or if ~~the~~ said

second expected tradeoff result or ~~the result of the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff result and ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result violated ~~the~~ said allowable tradeoff threshold limit or if the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said second expected results or the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results are not within ~~the~~ said authority level of ~~the~~ said user or said user level as defined by ~~the~~ said allowable strategic objective impact or if the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said second tradeoff result or the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first tradeoff result and ~~the~~ said second tradeoff result was not within ~~the~~ said authority level of ~~the~~ said user or said user level as defined by ~~the~~ said allowable tradeoff impact; and

d. storing or not storing, the choice storing or not storing to be determined by ~~the~~ said entity, ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive databases into ~~the~~ said original databases if ~~the~~ said second expected results or ~~the results of the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results was impact neutral to achieving ~~the~~ said strategic objective goal target value and if ~~the~~ said second tradeoff result or ~~the result of the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff result and ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result was impact neutral to ~~the~~ said allowable tradeoff threshold limit and if the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said second expected results or the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second

expected results are impact neutral based upon ~~the~~ said allowable strategic objective impact associated with ~~the~~ said authority level of ~~the~~ said user or said user level and if the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said second tradeoff result or the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first tradeoff result and ~~the~~ said second tradeoff result is impact neutral based upon ~~the~~ said allowable tradeoff impact associated with ~~the~~ said authority level of ~~the~~ said user or said user level.

19. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as recited in claim 14, wherein said computer-readable code is configured to:

- a. load and store differing authority levels associated with an amount or magnitude of allowable impact, as measured by ~~the~~ said primary strategic objective measure, that different said users, or users levels, are authorized to direct ~~the~~ said computer-readable code to over-write ~~the~~ said original databases with ~~the~~ said modified interactive databases based upon ~~the~~ said authority level of ~~the~~ said user, or said user level, and ~~the~~ said allowable impact associated with ~~the~~ said authority level as compared to either ~~the~~ said second expected results or ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results;
- b. storing ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive databases into ~~the~~ said original databases if ~~the~~ said second expected results or ~~the~~ results of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results falls within ~~the~~ said allowable

strategic objective range and if the amount or magnitude of the said second expected results or the amount or magnitude of the said comparison between the said first expected results and the said second expected results are within the said authority level of the said user or said user level as defined by the said allowable strategic objective impact;

c. not storing the said modifications to the said interactive databases into the said original databases if the said second expected results or the results of the said comparison between the said first expected results and the said second expected results falls outside of the said allowable strategic objective range or if the amount or magnitude of the said second expected results or the amount or magnitude of the said comparison between the said first expected results and the said second expected results are not within the said authority level of the said user or said user level as defined by the said allowable strategic objective impact; and

d. storing or not storing, the choice of storing or not storing to be determined by the said entity, the said modifications to the said interactive databases into the said original databases if the said second expected results or the results of the said comparison between the said first expected results and the said second expected results are impact neutral to the said allowable strategic objective range and if the amount or magnitude of the said second expected results or the amount or magnitude of the said comparison between the said first expected results and the said second expected results are impact

neutral based upon ~~the~~ said allowable strategic objective impact associated with ~~the~~ said authority level of ~~the~~ said user or said user level.

20. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as recited in claim 15, wherein said computer-readable code is configured to:

- a. load and store differing authority levels associated with an amount or magnitude of allowable impact to ~~the~~ said strategic objective measure, as measured by ~~the~~ said primary strategic objective measure, that different said users, or users levels, are authorized to direct ~~the~~ said computer-readable code to over-write ~~the~~ said original databases with ~~the~~ said modified interactive databases based upon ~~the~~ said authority level of ~~the~~ said user, or said user level, and based upon ~~the~~ said allowable impact associated with ~~the~~ said authority level as compared to either ~~the~~ said second expected results or ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results and with an amount or magnitude of allowable impact to ~~the~~ said tradeoff measure, as measured by ~~the~~ said primary tradeoff measure, that different said users or said user levels, are authorized to direct said computer-readable code to over-write ~~the~~ said original databases with ~~the~~ said modified interactive databases based upon ~~the~~ said authority level of ~~the~~ said user, or said user level, and based upon ~~the~~ said amount of allowable impact associated with ~~the~~ said authority level as compared to either the second expected

tradeoff result or ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff results and ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff results;

b. storing ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive databases into ~~the~~ said original databases if ~~the~~ said second expected results or ~~the~~ results of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results was an improvement to achieving ~~the~~ said strategic objective goal target value and if ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result or ~~the~~ result of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff result and ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result did not violate ~~the~~ said allowable tradeoff range and if the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said second expected results or the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results was within said authority level of ~~the~~ said user or said user level as defined by ~~the~~ said allowable strategic objective impact and if the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result or the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff result and ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result was within ~~the~~ said authority level of ~~the~~ said user or said user level as defined by ~~the~~ said allowable tradeoff impact;

c. not storing ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive databases into ~~the~~ said original databases if ~~the~~ said second expected results or if ~~the~~ results of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results was a detriment to achieving ~~the~~ said strategic objective goal target value or if ~~the~~ said

second expected tradeoff result or ~~the result of the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff result and ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result violated ~~the~~ said allowable tradeoff range or if the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said second expected results or the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results was not within ~~the~~ said authority level of ~~the~~ said user or said user level as defined by ~~the~~ said allowable strategic objective impact or if the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result or the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff result and ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result was not within ~~the~~ said authority level of ~~the~~ said user or said user level as defined by ~~the~~ said allowable tradeoff impact; and

d. storing or not storing, the choice of storing or not storing to be determined by ~~the~~ said entity, ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said interactive databases into ~~the~~ said original databases if ~~the~~ said second expected results or ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results was impact neutral to ~~the~~ said strategic objective goal target value and if ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result or the result of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff result and ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result is impact neutral to ~~the~~ said allowable tradeoff range and if the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said second expected results or the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results are

impact neutral based upon ~~the~~ said allowable strategic objective impact associated with ~~the~~ said authority level of ~~the~~ said user or said user level and if the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result or the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff result and ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result is impact neutral based upon ~~the~~ said allowable tradeoff impact associated with ~~the~~ said authority level of ~~the~~ said user or said user level.

21. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as recited in claim 16, wherein said computer-readable code is configured to:

a. load and store differing authority levels associated with an amount or magnitude of allowable impact to ~~the~~ said strategic objective measure, as measured by ~~the~~ said primary strategic objective measure, that different said users, or users levels, are authorized to direct ~~the~~ said computer-readable code to over-write ~~the~~ said original databases with ~~the~~ said modified interactive databases based upon ~~the~~ said authority level of ~~the~~ said user, or said user level, and based upon ~~the~~ said allowable impact associated with ~~the~~ said authority level as compared to either ~~the~~ said second expected results or ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results and with an amount or magnitude of allowable impact to ~~the~~ said tradeoff measure, as measured by ~~the~~ said primary tradeoff measure, that different said users or said user levels, are authorized to direct said computer-readable code to over-write ~~the~~

said original databases with the said modified interactive databases based upon the said authority level of the said user, or said user level, and based upon the said amount of allowable impact associated with the said authority level as compared to either the second expected tradeoff result or the said comparison between the said first expected tradeoff results and the said second expected tradeoff results;

b. storing the said modifications to the said interactive databases into the said original databases if the said second expected results or the results of the said comparison between the said first expected results and the said second expected results falls within the said allowable strategic objective range and if the said second expected tradeoff result or the result of the said comparison between the said first expected tradeoff result and the said second expected tradeoff result did not violate the said allowable tradeoff range and if the amount or magnitude of the said second expected results or the amount or magnitude of the said comparison between the said first expected results and the said second expected results are within the said authority level of the said user or said user level as defined by the said allowable strategic objective impact and if the amount or magnitude of the said second expected tradeoff result or the amount or magnitude of the said comparison between the said first expected tradeoff result and the said second expected tradeoff result was within the said authority level of the said user or said user level as defined by the said allowable tradeoff impact;

- c. not storing the said modifications to the said interactive databases into the said original databases if the said second expected results or the results of the said comparison between the said first expected results and the said second expected results falls outside of the said allowable strategic objective range or if the said second expected tradeoff result or the result of the said comparison between the said first expected tradeoff result and the said second expected tradeoff result violated the said allowable tradeoff range or if the amount or magnitude of the said second expected results or the amount or magnitude of the said comparison between the said first expected results and the said second expected results are not within the said authority level of the said user or said user level as defined by the said allowable strategic objective impact or if the amount or magnitude of the said second expected tradeoff result or the amount or magnitude of the said comparison between the said first expected tradeoff result and the said second expected tradeoff result was not within the said authority level of the said user or said user level as defined by the said allowable tradeoff impact; and
- d. storing or not storing, the choice of storing or not storing to be determined by the said entity, the said modifications to the said interactive databases into the said original databases if the said second expected results or the said comparison between the said first expected results and the said second expected results was impact neutral to the said allowable strategic objective range and if the said second expected tradeoff result or the result of the said comparison

between ~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff result and ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result was impact neutral to ~~the~~ said allowable tradeoff range and if the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said second expected results or the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results are impact neutral based upon ~~the~~ said allowable strategic objective impact associated with ~~the~~ said authority level of ~~the~~ said user or said user level and if the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result or the amount or magnitude of ~~the~~ said comparison between ~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff result and ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result are impact neutral based upon ~~the~~ said allowable tradeoff impact associated with ~~the~~ said authority level of ~~the~~ said user or said user level.

22. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as in one of claims 12 through 21 in which ~~the~~ said code is configured to track ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said original databases by each said user and said improvements and detriments to said strategic objective target values and/or said tradeoff limits are used to tangibly evaluate said user's performance and/or used to compensate and/or reward ~~the~~ said user for supporting ~~the~~ said strategic objective of the said entity.

23. (Currently Amended) A ~~computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium encoded with a computer program~~ for comparing a forecast of a first ~~the~~ expected strategic objective results caused by the using

an existing database of work in a planning period planned activities and a forecast of the a second expected strategic objective results of any planned changes to the said existing database of work in said planning period, planned activities said first and second results being calculated in terms of a strategic objective measure and/or goal for a primary strategic objective in order to determine if the said planned changes are supportive of and consistent with an entity's primary strategic objective, comprising a data structure instantiating code segment that establishes a storage record in memory having:

- a. a desired target value for the said primary strategic objective;
- b. a formula for calculating the said strategic objective measure and/or goal;
- c. said an existing original database of work, a new modified original database of work containing work data assumed completed over said the upcoming planning period, an interactive database version of the said original database and a modified interactive database that contains the said planned changes to said the original database and the data in the said modified interactive database is assumed completed over the said planning period;
- d. said first expected strategic objective results, hereinafter first expected results, calculated from the said formula for the said strategic objective measure and/or goal and as determined from the said new modified original database that contains the said existing planned activities over the said planning period;

- e. a second expected strategic objective results, hereinafter second expected results, calculated from the said formula for the said strategic objective measure and/or goal and as determined from the said modified interactive database that contains the said planned changes to the said existing planned activities over the said planning period;
 - f. a difference between the said first expected strategic objective results and the said second expected results; and
 - g. a feature for modifying the said original database of the said existing planned activities with the said modified interactive database planned changes to the said existing planned activities in the said memory if the said differences between the said first expected results and the said second expected results is an improvement to the said strategic objective measure and/or said goal target value or if the said second expected result is an improvement to the said strategic objective measure and/or said goal target value.
24. (Currently Amended) A computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium encoded with a computer program as recited in claim 23, wherein the said forecasts comprises a data structure instantiating code segment that establishes a storage record in memory having:

- a. a tradeoff threshold measure;
- b. a tradeoff threshold limit;
- c. a first expected tradeoff result as determined from the said new original database that contains the said existing planned activities;

- d. a second expected tradeoff result as determined from the said modified interactive databases that contains the said planned changes to the said existing planned activities;
 - e. a difference between the said first expected tradeoff result and the said second expected tradeoff result; and
 - f. a feature for modifying the said original databases of the said existing planned activities with the said modified interactive database changed existing planned activities in the said memory if the said differences between the said first expected results and the said second expected results is an improvement to the said strategic objective measure and/or said goal target value or if the said second expected result is an improvement to the said strategic objective measure and/or the said goal target value and the said differences between the said first expected tradeoff results and the said second expected tradeoff results are positive or if the said second expected tradeoff result does not violate the said tradeoff threshold limit.
25. (Currently Amended) A computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium encoded with a computer program as recited in claim 23, wherein the said forecast comprises a data structure instantiating code segment that establishes a storage record in memory having:

- a. a range of acceptable strategic objective measures and/or goal as determined by said entity; and
- b. a feature for modifying the said original databases of the said existing planned activities with the said modified interactive database

~~planned changes to the said existing planned activities in the said memory if the said differences between the said first expected results and the said second expected results are within the said range of acceptable strategic measures and/or goal or if the said second expected result is are within the said range of the acceptable strategic measures.~~

26. (Currently Amended) A ~~computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium encoded with a computer program~~ as recited in claim 24, wherein the said forecast comprises a data structure instantiating code segment that establishes a storage record in memory having:

- a. a range of acceptable tradeoff threshold measures as determined by an entity; and
- b. a feature for modifying the said original databases of the said existing planned activities with the said modified interactive database changed existing planned activities in the said memory if the said differences between the said first expected results and the said second expected results is an improvement to the said strategic objective measure and/or goal or if the said second expected result is an improvement to the said strategic objective measure and/or the said goal target value and if the said differences between the said first expected tradeoff results and the said second expected tradeoff results or the said second expected tradeoff result is within the said range of acceptable tradeoff threshold measures.

27. (Currently Amended) A ~~computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium encoded with a computer program~~ as recited in claim 24, wherein ~~the~~ said forecast comprises a data structure instantiating code segment that establishes a storage record in memory having:

- a. a range of acceptable tradeoff threshold measures as determined by and entity;
- b. a range of acceptable strategic objective measures and or goal as determined by an entity; and
- c. a feature for modifying ~~the said original databases of the said existing planned activities with the said modified interactive database~~ planned changes to the said existing planned activities in the said memory if ~~the~~ said differences between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results or ~~the~~ said second expected result is within ~~the~~ said range of acceptable strategic objective measures and/or goal and if ~~the~~ said differences between ~~the~~ said first expected tradeoff results and ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff results or ~~the~~ said second expected tradeoff result are within ~~the~~ said range of acceptable tradeoff threshold measures.

28. (Currently Amended) A ~~computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium encoded with a computer program~~ as recited in claim 23, wherein ~~the~~ said forecast comprises a data structure instantiating code segment that establishes a storage record in memory having:

- a. a user specific authority level and/or user level authority level, said authority level having associated with them an amount or magnitude

of allowable strategic impact-a said user or said user level is authorized to implement; and

b. a feature for modifying ~~the said original databases of the said existing planned activities with the said modified interactive database~~ planned changes to the said existing planned activities in the said memory if ~~the~~ said second expected results or ~~the~~ said differences between ~~the~~ said first expected results and ~~the~~ said second expected results are an improvement to ~~the~~ said strategic objective measure and/or ~~the~~ said goal target value and if ~~the~~ said amount or magnitude of change to the strategic objective measure and/or goal is within ~~the~~ said user's authority level.

29. (Currently Amended) A ~~computer program embodied on~~ computer-readable medium encoded with a computer program as recited in claim 24, wherein ~~the~~ said forecast comprises a data structure instantiating code segment that establishes a storage record in memory having:

a. a user specific authority level and/or user level authority level, said authority level having associated with them an amount or magnitude of allowable strategic impact-a said user or said user level is authorized to implement and an amount or magnitude of tradeoff threshold measure impact a-said user or said user level has the authority to implement; and

b. a feature for modifying ~~the said original databases of the said existing planned activities with the said changes to the said modified interactive database~~ existing planned activities if the impact of ~~the~~

said changes are within the said user's authority level and the said second expected results or the said difference between the said first expected results and the said second expected results are an improvement to the said strategic objective measure and/or the said goal target value and if the said differences between the said first expected tradeoff results and the said second expected tradeoff results or the said second expected tradeoff result does not violate the said tradeoff threshold limit.

30. (Currently Amended) A computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium encoded with a computer program as recited in claim 25, wherein the said forecast comprises a data structure instantiating code segment that establishes a storage record in memory having;

- a. user specific authority level and/or user level authority level, said authority level having associated with them an amount or magnitude of allowable strategic impact a said user or said user level is authorized to implement; and
- b. a feature for modifying the said original databases of the said existing planned activities with the said modified interactive database planned changes to the said existing planned activities if the said changes are within the said user's authority level and if the said second expected result or the said differences between the said first expected results and the said second expected results fall within the said allowable strategic objective ranges.

31. (Currently Amended) A ~~computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium encoded with a computer program~~ as recited in claim 26, wherein ~~the~~ said forecast comprises a data structure instantiating code segment that establishes a storage record in memory having:

- a. a user specific authority level and/or user level authority level, said authority level having associated with them an amount or magnitude of allowable strategic impact—a said user or said user level is authorized to implement and an amount or magnitude of tradeoff threshold measure impact—a said user or said user level has the authority to implement; and
- b. a feature for modifying ~~the said original databases of the said existing planned activities with the said modified interactive database planned changes to the said existing planned activities if the said changes are within the said user's authority level and if the said second expected results or the said differences between the said first expected results and the said second expected results are an improvement to the said strategic objective measure and/or the said goal target value and if the said tradeoff measure or the said difference between the said first tradeoff measure and the said second tradeoff measure falls within the said tradeoff threshold ranges.~~

32. (Currently Amended) A ~~computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium encoded with a computer program~~ as recited in claim 27, wherein ~~the~~ said forecast comprises a data structure instantiating code segment that establishes a storage record in memory having:

- a. a user specific authority level and/or user level authority level, said authority level having associated with them an amount or magnitude of allowable strategic impact a-said user or said user level is authorized to implement and an amount or magnitude of tradeoff threshold measure impact a-said user or said user level has the authority to implement; and
- b. a feature for modifying ~~the said original databases of the said existing planned activities the with said modified interactive database changes to the said existing planned activities if the said second expected result or the said differences between the said first expected results and the said second expected results fall within the said allowable strategic objective ranges and if the said differences between the said first expected tradeoff results and the said second expected tradeoff results or the said second expected tradeoff result falls within the said tradeoff threshold ranges.~~

33. (Currently Amended) A ~~computer program embodied in a computer-readable medium encoded with a computer program~~ as in one of claims 23 through 32 wherein ~~the~~ said forecast comprises a data structure instantiating code segment that establishes a storage record in memory having ~~the~~ said modifications to ~~the~~ said original databases associated by each said user, and said improvements and detriments to said strategic objective target values and/or said tradeoff limits are used to tangibly evaluate said user's performance and/or used to compensate and/or reward ~~the~~ said user for supporting ~~the~~ said strategic objective of ~~the~~ said entity.

34. (Cancelled)

35. (Cancelled)

36. (Cancelled)

37. (Cancelled)

38. (Cancelled)

39. (Cancelled)

40. (Cancelled)

41. (Cancelled)

42. (Cancelled)

43. (Cancelled)

44. (Cancelled)